



Kris Becker, President 2017-2018

Celebrate Rotary

Number 19 for The Week of November 30, 2017

Announcements

George McFaddin announced that he was a great grandfather and that his grandson was 9 lbs. 6 oz. at birth and was named Walter Gradillas. As normal the club had a contribution to the new great grandson of which George was very proud. Congratulations George!

The Prez announced that there was going to be a "progressive dinner" on Sandalwood (in El Centro) on February 15, 2018 and reminded everyone to put that date on their calendar.

Ed Snively pointed out during the introductory prayer that Hud Mitchell (a Rotarian for 67 years and a past President) had passed away December 9, 2017. He pointed out that Hud had been the Chair of the The Rotary Foundation Committee of our Club for a number of years before passing the mantle on to Ed (who has also served in that position for a number of years). We all knew Hud and his wife, Margaret Mitchell, from the number of Rotary events and meetings they participated in over the past decades. Pastor Ron Griffen spoke about first meeting Hud Mitchell (during the summer in over 100 degree heat) while first looking for a new home in Heber, California. Jack Tyler spoke about Hud and Margaret Mitchell (who taught school alongside Roberta Tyler) back in the day. Ed McGrew spoke about Hud and his younger brother, Steve, who was adept in obtaining Tequila from across the border. We all have a number of fond memories of Hud Mitchell and are proud to have had him as a member of our Rotary Club. There will be a memorial service for Hud at the First United Methodist Church in El Centro at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018 and we hope to see you all there.

Pledge, Prayer and Song

President Kris began the meeting with the pledge by Rudy Rodriguez, followed by the blessing/ prayer by Ed Snively, and the patriotic song (God Bless Imperial Valley) led by Randy Miles.



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POT



Randy Miles was the winner of this week's drawing taking home \$39.00. However, he did not draw the winning chip, and the large pot was carried over to next week.

WHINING AND FINING

NO Recognitions

Program

The Honorable Ruth Montenegro introduced our speaker, John Mitosinka, the football coach for our own Southwest High Eagles Football Team. He spoke about the speed and class of the team and related about how the team will have to deal with somewhat bigger players from Milpitas at the 2017 CIF State Football Division 4-A Championship game on December 16, 2017. Coach Mitosinka received a number of inquiries from our members about how the game would be played and the strategies to be used by his players. As you could tell, he was "very" proud of his team, as we all are! Good luck to the Southwest football team!



It was a very good and informative program. Thank you Ruth and Coach Mitosinka!

Below is pictures some of the awards received this year. Congratulations.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

The visiting Rotarians consisted of Richard Acosta and the guests included Jeff Holbrook from the Imperial County Counsel's office, Matt Phillips (the Principal of Southwest High School), Ruben Valenzuela (Athletic Director at Southwest High School) and John Mitosinka (Eagles Football Coach).

